

THE  
RELATION  
WITHOUT ALL  
EXCEPTION, OF

Strange and Admirable Acci-

dents, which lately happened

*in the Kingdom of the great*

MAGOR, or MAGVLL,

who is the greatest

Monarch of the

*East Indies.*

RELATION

1632

With a true Report of the Manners of

*the Country; of the Commodities there found.*

With the like of sundry other

*Countries and Islands, in the*

EAST INDIES.

Written and certified by persons of good Import,  
who were eye-witnesses of what is here re-  
ported.

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The image shows a dark, heavily textured surface, likely a piece of old paper or parchment. The texture is rough and uneven, with numerous scratches, scuffs, and a large, irregular tear on the right side. Faint, illegible markings are visible, including what appears to be a circular stamp or seal on the right and some text fragments at the bottom. The overall appearance is aged and worn.

Late and admirable Newes, from  
the *East Indies*, and the Countrey of the  
great *Magor*, testified by persons of great  
import, as shall appeare.

**I**N the yeare of our Lord 1618. and in  
the moneth of Iune, we arrived at the  
Cape of *Good hope*, where we found  
the people of the Countrey, albeit  
Heathen and Idolaters, yet very kind  
and friendly vnto vs, for some small quantitie of I-  
ron and old Copper, we had of them vpon exchange  
Beernes and Mutton. This Cape (otherwise called  
the Cape of *Bona Speransa*) is very temperate; and  
agreeth well with the constitution of our people.  
Foure or five hundred persons, sicke of the scurvie,  
and other diseases of the Sea, they all recovered  
their heath perfectly within a very few dayes.

They haue a very pleasant drinke, which they call  
*Toddye*, like in taste to white Wine, which distilleth  
from the *Pahneto* trees. At our departure from this  
Cape we sayled two or three dayes in a Sea like in  
colour to whey, whose bottome could not sound.

We came afterwards to the Countrey of the great  
*Magor*, or as some call him *Magull*, his *Lascar*, which  
is his *Traine*, which followeth and alwayes goeth  
with him in his progresses, consisteth vually of

200000 people of all sorts. These lodge all in fayre Tents, richly hanged, which being pitched according to the order of that Countrey, they make a verry gorgeous and glorious shew, as of a most beautifull and large Cittie.

This *Magor*, hath a place called the *Maoll*, in which he keepeth a thousand women to serue his lustfull desires.

When he maketh his progresse, his Concubines goe with him in all sumptuous maner, carried vpon Elephants in Castles, richly covered, or vppon mens shoulders, in a frame made like the vpper part of a Coach, but not so close covered. He hath vnder him 37 Provinces, and very many goodly Citties: the length of his Countrey is 2800 myles: the breadth 1900 myles.

When he admitteth to his presence the Persian Embassador, or the Embassador of any other mightie King, when he giueth them either louing or kind speeches, or lookes; then the Embassadors in token of thankfulnessse, kisse the earth. But Sir *Thomas Roe* the King of Great Brittaines Embassador would not so much derogate from his place, to abase himselfe so demissiuely. Notwithstanding, he was alwayes entertained with more and greater respects then any other Embassador.

This *Magor*, doth every yeere weigh himselfe in a Ballance made for the purpose; first, he weigheth himselfe with waights of Silver, next he weigheth himselfe with waights of Gold, and lastly, with Jewels, and precious stones: his waight of silver, and gold, he giueth away liberally at his pleasure, after  
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he is weighed, he mounteth into his Throne, and then he throweth amongst the standers by, a great quantitie of Siluer and Gold, made hollow, like to the forme of Nutmeggs, and such other Spices, which his Countrey doth afford. These ceremonies being ended, then he beginneth to Carowle and largely to drinke with his Nobles, till they be all drunke. The Scales with which he is weighed, are all of massie Gold, richly beset with precious stones.

No man hath any Land in this *Magors* Countrey but himselfe, he giueth pentions and taketh away pentions at his pleasure. No child inherits any thing which his Father had in possession, but at the pleasure of *Magor*: all Honor and Gentilitie dyeth with the person who had any, and returnes backe to the *Magor*.

He sheweth himselfe in publike and open maner to the people, at the least, three times in a day; first, at the Sunne-rising, to which he maketh low Reuerence. Secondly, at noone, at which time he seeth Elephants fight, or some other pastimes provided for him. Thirdly, before the Sunne set, but when the Sunne is setting he descendeth from his Throne, and sheweth as low obeyfance as he did at the rising.

At all these times, whosoever commeth vnto him as a Sutor, vseth no other meanes for his dispatch, but to hold vp a paper in his hand, and he is heard immediately, and encountreth the best fortune which Sutors can desire, for either he presently obtaineth his Sute, or hath a present deniall; there are no masters of Requests, nor any delatory references vpon any petition.

*Magor's* people are governed by no other lawes but what lie in his breast, and the breasts of his counsellors, yet there is no place where businesse is sooner dispatched, or where Iustice is more vprightly, and vnpartially ministred.

*Cuservo*, the eldest Sonne of *Magor*, being of an haughtie and aspiring Spirit, practised to take from his Father both Crowne and kingdome, but *Magor* not onely tooke his sonne prisoner, but with him some 2000. of his chiefeest followers, having taken his sonne, he placed him to see the execution of those two thousand he had taken. The manner of the execution being terrible, for they were put into the ground vpon sharpe stakes, and so left to dye. After this execution, *Magor* shut vp and sealed his sonnes eyes, so that for three yeares he saw no light of Sunne or Moone at all: seaven yeares he kept him in close Prison, but at this time he hath a little more liberty. This Prince is of a different disposition from his Father, for he keepeth but one wife, and is a great fauourer and protector of Christians; he is generally beloued of all men. *Magor* will not yndertake, nor do any businesse of import, but as he shall be directed and counsailed by his Astrologers, and Magitians, when they tell him the day and houre are fortunate then hee adventureth vpon any thing, hee cannot endure to heare any talke or mention made of Death which is the most desperate and greatest follie which our age can or doth afford, nay what madnesse is it? not to heare talke, nor make provision for that which cannot bee avoyded. God hath pointed nothing more certaine then Death, because wee should ever consider



consider of it; and nothing more vncertaine, then the houre of Death; because every houre we should be provided for it. *Magor* being much delighted, with Astrologers, Magitians, and Witches, of which his Country is replenished, there came vpon a time one of that Crue vnto him, and presented vnto him an Ape; telling *Magor*, that the Ape could doe strange and admirable *Tricks*: well quoth *Magor* we will make tryall of your Apes skill, and cunning, & thereupon commanded the Ape and her Master to be carried out of that roome, into another that they might not see what was done, in their absence *Magor* tooke a Ring from his finger, & having alwayes about him a great number of Boyes, some 200. or thereabouts, which hee keepeth for vnnaturall and beastly uses, he gaue the Ring to one of the Boyes and bad him hide it, then these Boyes flocking together, the Ape and his Master were called for: now quoth *Magor* let your Ape trie her skill, I haue lost my Ring, let vs see if shee can finde it; the Apes Master commanded the Ape to fetch the Ring, the Ape went immediatly to the Boy which had the Ring and tooke it out of his bosome and brought it to *Magor*.

Who wondring much at it, he caused the second time the Ape and her master to retire out of sight, and in their absence, hee caused his Secretary to write in severall papers, the Names of some twelue or fourteene, of the greatest Gods, and Prophets which either were heard or knowne to be worshipped, either in his Countrey or in any place of the World, which being written, they were mingled

on an heape and layd vpon a table, Then the Ape  
 was called for, and commanded to take the Name  
 of the greatest God & truest Prophet from amongst  
 those papers, the Ape went presently to the Papers,  
 and turning them vp, from amongst them all, one-  
 ly tooke out the Name of Iesus and delivered it to  
*Magor*, wherupon *Magor* and the rest of his Nobles,  
 were much amazed: but vpon secret conference  
 amongst themselves, they resolved to make further  
 tryall: whereupon the Master and the Ape were  
 commaunded to goe to a further roome, and some  
 persons commanded to watch them, that the suspi-  
 tion, of all deceiueable courses might be taken a-  
 way, and cleared: the papers were written againe  
 with the same Names, and more were added, which  
 being done; the Ape was called for the second  
 time, and to make choyce as formerly shee had bin  
 directed, shee presently went to the papers and  
 made the same choyce, which before shee had done:  
 which stroke *Magor* and his Nobles in a greater a-  
 maze then at the first: notwithstanding a third tryall  
 was made, but with the like & same successe, where-  
 upon a great Noble man humbly besought *Magor*  
 that hee might make the fourth tryall, which was  
 graunted him, this great man was called *Mattolet*  
*Chan*, which in their Language signifieth (the belo-  
 ved Lord) Hee caused the Names to be written the  
 fourth time, and mingled together, and cast in a  
 heape vpon the Table, the Ape was called as for-  
 merly shee had beene, and commanded to make  
 choyce of the greatest God or Prophet, whose name  
 was contained in those papers. The Ape went pre-  
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sently to the heape, and slightly and scornefully turned them over, but tooke up no paper but returned to her master. *Magor* and his Nobles wondred more at this then of what passed before, and asked the *Ape* master, what might be the cause why the *Ape* would not bring any paper as before shee had done, but turned them vp in so scornefull a maner, perhaps quoth the master, the name which the *Ape* looketh for, is not there amongst them; then the papers being examined, the name of *Iesus* was missing, now quoth *Magor*, let the *Ape* shew her cunning to fetch that paper, wherein that name is written. The *Ape* receiuing her command, made present hast to *Mas-tolet Chan*, and leapt vpon him, and withall thrust her hand into his bosome, and drew out the name of *Iesus*, which shee brought hastily to *Magor*. This being so strange an accident, was wondred at of all the standers by, whereof some were Iewes, some Mahometans, some Christians, with others. This hath beene averted to be true, by master *Edward Terry*, Preacher to Sir *Thomas Roe*, who heard it credibly reported, as aforesaid. And Sir *Thomas Roe* hath reported the same for truth to sundry right honorable parsonages. Master *Terry* the Preacher hath often seene the *Ape*.

The great *Magor*, and generally all the *Indians* of his Countrey are given over to fleshly pleasures: they may, and doe keepe as many wiues and concubines as they will, or are able to maintaine. What misery doe these *Indians* endure, to haue so many women about them, when as there be many English men are gricuously vexed to haue the company but of one.

But perhaps the *Indian* women are of a farre milder temper then the English, as hereafter shall be shewed. The *Indians* are more jealous of their women and wives, then either Spanyards, or Italians. The Father will not trust his sonne, after he commeth to twelue yeares of Age, except he be gelded. The *Indian* women in their houses are commonly covered, and if any woman goe abroad vncovered, shee is reputed a Whore.

*Magors* subiects are tall, and of comely personage, but of a tawnie coullor, but they are faint hearted; *Magor* will vsually say, that one Portingall will beate three of his subiects, and one English man will beate three Portingalls. In this Countrey there are many seuerall Sects, some called *Banians*, who will kill nothing that hath life, no not so much as snakes. They haue Hospitalls to keepe and cure lame Horses, lame Doggs, lame Birds, or any lame Creature, and when they be cured, they are set at libertie. The manner of that Countrey is to burne the bodies of the dead, and the wiues willingly burne with their husbands. But of late the women beginne to breake that custome.

The *Indians* vnder *Magor*, worship euill fauoured vgly Idolls, which they call, *Pagods*: their Priests are called *Ioggis*, or *Bramines*; their Church they call *Muskitts*; they goe on Pilgrimage to seuerall places; Some to *Mecha* in Arabia; Some to the Head of the Riuer *Ianges*, wherein they throw siluer and gold, according to their abilities, and after wash themselves in the River, and then they thinke they are pure and cleane from all sinne.

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These people haue many feasts, and many fasts, which they keepe with sundry idle Ceremonies, some of them mourne in blew, others as *Japanners*, mourne in white. They are skillfull in Physicke, especially, in Simples.

The learning which they haue, which is but small, is in the Mathematicks, and in Naturall Phylosophy; they haue small store of Bookes, because there is no Printing amongst them; all their Bookes are Manuscripts.

Their vulgar speech is called *Industan*. The speech at *Magors* Court, is vsually the Persian Language. Their learned tongue is the Arabian; the common people are very apt to immitate any thing which they see to be done by Strangers.

I cannot let passe a strange and wonderfull report which fell out in *Magors* Court, and hath bene by Sir *Thomas Roe* reported confidently for Truth. There was a *Rasa*, (so great Princes are called,) who was an absolute Atheist, who would alwayes scornefully, and disdainefully speake and dispute against the Deitie, nor enduring cyther himselfe, or any other, where hee might oppose to acknowledge any God-head. This great Prince sporting himselfe among his Concubines, one of them who was most fauoured of the Prince, and might bee most bold with him, when hee was flouting and iesting against the Deitie, pluckt from his breast an hayre, and withall a droppe of blood followed, which was not regarded at all at the first; This very place within very fewe dayes beganne to fester, and by degrees grew

grew to that extremitie, that the paine was intolerable, and withall prouing to be a Gangrene, having vsed all the meanes, which Physicke, or Surgery might afford him, it proued irrecoverable. This *Ras* seeing his estate, and that he had no hope of life, but a dreadfull expectation of imminent death, sent to *Magor* to take his leave of him, *Magor* sent diuers of his Nobles vnto him, to comfort him, with all the best offers and speeches which any subiect might desire from so mightie a Monarch. Which when the Nobles had delivered vnto him, he made answer in this manner; My Lord *Magor*, is a great Monarch to command vpon earth, but there is a more omnipotent Monarch, which hath absolute command and power in Heaven and Earth. You all know, I was an opposer, an enemy, a contemner of all Deitie, and against that omnipotent Maiestie of Heaven. He hath now shewed and manifested his power and Iustice vpon me, who now lye in torment, every minute of an houre expecting to die. What I would not acknowledge in my life, I am constrained to acknowledge and confesse vpon my death, for wee which liue at random, and speake at large in our liues, when death worketh natures dissolution, wee are then compelled to change our former opinions, and to acknowledge our former errors. I was an Atheist, by my owne experience I dare and can assure you, what is one of the greatest causes of Atheisme; wicked liues doe wish, there were no God to punish their offences after this life, and therefore doe flatter themselves in their life; they frame to themselves all the reasons they can deuise, to periwade themselves there

there is no God. But my Lords, there is no Atheist  
 which dare at the houre of his death maintaine and  
 defend that Doctrine of Atheisme, which he did in  
 life, for nature it selfe doth contraine them to a terri-  
 ble recantatio at the houre of death, as you may now  
 behold a grieuous example in me: what would not I  
 doe? what would not I do? my Lords, if I might haue  
 longer time of life to acknowledge & confesse free-  
 ly and plainly that God-head, which formerly I  
 haue with scorne and malice so wickedly denied:  
 who would haue imagined that I being a Souldier  
 should not rather haue died vpon some honorable  
 wound, given by sword or launce; then so shame-  
 fully to die vpon the plucking of one hayre from  
 my breast; this kind of death, as it is most shame-  
 full to me, so it doth more manifest, and illustrate  
 the Diuine power to bee most Omnipotent and  
 miraculous. My Lords, my vitall powers doe faile  
 mee, I can speake no more, onely this for a fare-  
 well, which I pray you deliver also to my great  
 Sovereigne *Magor*, doe you all flie and take heede  
 of Atheisme, letke out with all the care and dili-  
 gence you can, the knowledge of the onely true  
 and Omnipotent God, dare not live those wicked  
 liues, nor maintaine those horrible opinions whiche  
 you are in heath, which as you see most manifest-  
 ly in me are so terrible and horrible at this houre  
 of my death; having ended these words, this high-  
 ry Prince dyed.

From *Magor* Countrey wee sailed towards o-  
 ther Islands, and arrived at an Island called *Zeloa*,  
 which Island yeldeth Cinnamon, and other spices

in great aboundance, it yeeldeth also Pearles, Rubies, Saphires, Garnets, and sundry other pretious stones.

From *Zeloon* wee arrived at an Iland called *Sammatra*, which yeeldeth Pepper, Gold, Benjamin, Camphire, with sundry other Rich Commodities, afterwards we sayled to *Patanie*, an Iland governed by a Mayden Queene.

From this wee arrived at *Japan*, which is one of the greatest and goodliest Ilands of the World, having great store of Gold Mines, and of Silver, they haue Silver, of three sorts all vnstamped, they haue small plate, which goeth in the market for buying of victuales: they haue other peeces of plate vnstamped, more finer Silver, and that goeth in the Country, to buy all other commodities; they haue a third sort of plate, finer silver then any Spanish money, and this is carried away by Strangers.

This Countrey is Governed by an Emperour, who hath vnder him 62. Kings, the Reuenues of this Emperour are infinite, a great part raised by Rice, the People of this Countrey are proud and haughty, very warlike, yet exceeding obedient to their Emperour, and the Kings, to whom they are Subjects. They are very kinde to Strangers: Justice, in this country is severe without partialities: Theeues are not imprisioned but presently executed, If a murder be committed, and the murderer escape, hee who apprehendeth him, hath 300. pounds given him vpon the deliverie of the murderer; so that fewe or none of the murderers escape present execution: In this Countrey a man may walke without danger



danger all houres of the night, so he doe not misse  
 behaue himselfe. If any controversie arise betwixt  
 partie and partie, it is forthwith decided, their  
 Lawes are *Leges talionis*, Eye for Eye, Tooth for  
 Tooth, Hand for Hand, and Life for life, they wor-  
 shipp and pray all to a Saint, called *Ameda*,  
 whom they esteeme to bee a Mediator be-  
 twixt God and them; when a Souldier  
 dieth, they are perswaded hee go-  
 eth presently to *Ottango Fateh-*  
*man* the God of Warre,  
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 whom they cleeme to bee a Mediator be-  
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